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SUBJECT: GEORGETOWN REQUESTS INCLUSION IN EDWARD R. MURROW PROGRAM
FOR JOURNALISTS FY-2007

¶1. Below is Embassy Georgetown's nomination for the Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists. The slate has full front office approval.

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VRW

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 19

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2007

DEPART-POST: 04/16/2007

SESSION-DATE: 04/16/2007

RETURN-POST: 05/04/2007

NO-OF-PART: 2

RANK-ORDER: 0

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

To provide a young Guyanese journalist who has the potential to become a leader in the profession with exposure to the journalistic skills and contacts. Guyanese journalists have limited formal training opportunities locally and most have to learn their skills on the job. Guyana suffers from a high migration rate and as such there are seldom veteran journalists within media organizations who can properly train, guide and tutor young journalists. Post feels that this program would provide an excellent opportunity for a local journalist to become a more effective reporter and analyst of important issues in Guyana.

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

Ms. Iana Seales is a young journalist with three years experience working for the independent Stabroek News. She initially covered the court system and legal stories, but has since expanded her beat to include education, culture, health, crime and human rights issues. Her May 2006 article "Rape and Healing, Three Survivors Remember" led to her appearance as a Panelist on the Guyana Human Rights Association's (GHRA) Symposium on "A way forward for Rape victims".

She has won first prize in the Pan-American Health Organization

Health Award category for 2005 with an article titled, "No evidence of widespread Leptospirosis" and Second Prize for Best Feature Story category in 2005 for "Abortions still not being offered at public hospitals".

Post believes that participation in the Edward Murrow Journalism program will allow Ms. Seales to be better understand how the U.S. media operate and will be a motivational experience for this ambitious young reporter.

Post nominates Mr. Duane Fowler as an alternate.

Mr. Fowler has 7 years experience in journalism and covers foreign affairs, business, trade, political issues and tourism. One of his recent articles explored the nexus between trafficking-in-persons (TIP) and the spread of HIV/AIDS in Guyana -- "GHRA concerned that TIP-related HIV/AIDS could 'wipe out' Amerindian villages". Mr. Fowler was the first journalist to provide local coverage of the events of September 11, 2001.

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

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PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 13972

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Communications & Information

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Duane

M-NAME: Ricardo

L-NAME: Fowler

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: No

M-ADDR1: 73 Blygezight Gardens

M-ADDR2:

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Georgetown

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Guyana

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: 592 223-8155

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL: d_mack007@yahoo.com

M-CNTRY-ID: GY

M-ADDRTYPE: H

GENDER: M

DOB: 08/12/1976

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Georgetown

BIRTH-CNTRY: Guyana

CITIZ-CNTRY: Guyana

RES-CNTRY: Guyana

START MEMO POSITION:

Senior Reporter - Kaieteur News

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1999 - 2003: Senior Reporter/Anchor - Capitol News

2003 - 2004: News Editor/Anchor - National Communications Network

2004 - 2005: News Editor- News Channel 2

Dec. 2005 - Feb 2006: Stories for National Communications Network

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

2001 to cover a boxing championship match and the events of September 11

2004 to cover sports activities

2005 to cover Guyanese Republic Celebration activities in New York

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

2000 - Barbados & St. Vincent

2002 - Barbados

2004 - Grenada

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Thomson Foundation U.K Certificate

Guyana Training Agency Certificate in Supervisory Management

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

Guyana Press Association

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

Recent articles written by Mr. Fowler include:

July 25, 2006: Some Groups use Crime to seek political concessions

- U.S. Ambassador

July 07, 2006: No passport needed for Caricom Citizens during CWC

- One Caricom visa for visitors to the region

July 05, 2006: Absent Opposition Commissioners force postponement of GECOM statutory meeting

July 04, 2006: CSME tops agenda as 27th Heads of Govt. meeting underway - Haiti returned to the fold

June 09: 2006: GHRA concerned that TIP-related HIV/AIDS could 'wipe out' Amerindian villages

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Benjamin Canavan

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NOM-OFF:

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: No

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PERSON-ID: 28

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: GY

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: GY

RES-CNTRY-ID: GY

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VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT:
END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: Ms.
F-NAME: Iana
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Seales
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: 29 Laing Avenue
M-ADDR2: West Ruimveldt
M-ADDR3:
M-CITY: Georgetown
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: Guyana
M-ZONE:
M-ZIP:
M-PHONE: 592 223-3436
M-FAX:
M-EMAIL: ianaseales@yahoo.com
M-CNTRY-ID: GY
M-ADDRTYPE: H
GENDER: F
DOB: 09/21/1983
MAR-STAT: S
BIRTH-CITY: Georgetown
BIRTH-CNTRY: Guyana
CITIZ-CNTRY: Guyana
RES-CNTRY: Guyana
START MEMO POSITION:
Reporter- Guyana Publications Inc., Owner and Publisher of The
Stabroek News daily Newspaper
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
Teacher English Language & English Literature, 2002

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
No previous travel to the United States
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
2005 - Jamaica
Prior to 2005 - Brazil
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
University of Guyana - Second Year student reading for a Bachelors
Degree in International Relations

END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Guyana Press Association
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
Ms. Seales covers mainly local news and has featured HIV/AIDS,
nursing care and local entrepreneurs in her articles. She is also
the sub-editor of a weekend magazine at Stabroek News, "The Scene".
Some recent publications include:
Poor Nutrition, Poverty may be affecting HIV Patients, Stabroek News

May 30, 2006
Tale of the Tape - Judge Issues Gag Order, Stabroek News June 16,
2006
Leather, Clay, Wood, Astound, Humbles, illuminates, Stabroek News -
The Scene July 8, 2006
Court calls on Police Commissioner to justify issuing wanted
bulletins, Stabroek News April 6, 2006

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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